

THE FRIAR'S BOOK-SHELF

Canonical Elections. Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of America, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Canon Law. By the Rev. Daniel M. Galliher, O. P., J. C. L.

This scholastic work is a practical treatise on that institution of the Church known as canonical election. Father Galliher makes no claims to originality of matter in his dissertation. Its value lies in the clear, succinct and, withal, comparatively brief exposition of the accumulated doctrines of twenty centuries, unearthed from a vast number of enactments, decrees and constitutions of the Church.

The nine chapters in the dissertation treat respectively: The Historical Concept of Canonical Elections; The Juridical Concept; The Qualifications and Convocation of Electors; Persons Eligible for Election; Postulation; Defects in Election; Subsequent Acts. An appendix explains the manner of electing the Pope and of selecting bishops for the United States.

In view of the recent legislation regarding the selection of our bishops, the dissertation will have special interest for our priests. Father Galliher has turned out a work of timely and permanent worth.

St. Rose of Lima. By C. M. Thuente, O. P. The Rosary Press, Somerset, Ohio.

The tercentenary of the death of America's first saint, the Dominican Virgin, Rose of Lima, offers timely opportunity for this brief devotional study of her life and character by Father Thuente, with an introduction by the editor of the Rosary Magazine. It is a booklet of but sixteen pages, but it teems with a very wholesome and practical piety and paints in beautiful colors the character of this lovable daughter of the Lamb.

Saint Dominic and the Order of Preachers. By J. B. O'Connor, O. P. The Rosary Magazine, 871 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Pp. 228.

While this work of Fr. O'Connor's has been mentioned before in our columns, Dominicanana feels that it is not going amiss in again calling the attention of the Family of St. Dominic to the second edition, which is now on the market. The second im-

pression is typographically an improvement upon the first, making the reading much easier. The letter of Pope Benedict XV to the Most Reverend Master General on the occasion of the Seventh Centenary of the confirmation of the Order has been added. Fr. O'Connor divides the volume into three parts: The Biography of St. Dominic, the Genius of the Order, and Dominican Achievements. "St. Dominic and the Order of Preachers" is a remarkable, epitomized history of an institution which, though venerable in age, is still serving the Church in the full flush and vigor of youth. —

The Will to Win. By E. Boyd Barrett, S. J. P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Pp. 73—xvi. Price 65 cents postpaid.

A glorious future, indeed, would America enjoy were our boys and girls, for whom "The Will to Win" was written, to put into practise the wholesome advice of Father Barrett. This little book is really a profound psychological study of the faculty of soul on which salvation depends, namely, the will. It is put in such simple language that a boy or girl of ten can understand it, and yet the style is such that the book will be read with as much interest as a good, lively story. The introduction is fine—and the eight sections or chapters of the book live up to the promises of the opening paragraph. An appendix synthesizes in a few pages the whole work. —

Development of Personality. By Brother Chrysostom, F. S. C. John Joseph McVey, Philadelphia. Pp. 379. \$1.25 net.

This last work by one who enjoyed a well-merited reputation as a philosopher and eminent educator will prove invaluable to every Christian teacher. Faith, the foundation of the Christian life, is shown to be an essential quality in the equipment of a good teacher. Personality, it has been said, constitutes ninety-nine per cent of success in life. Here the development of personality is treated in a scientific, psychological analysis—directly, the personality of the teacher, indirectly, that of the taught. The place religion occupies in real educational work is given its rightful prominence. The Catholic educator will find in the "Development of Personality" a wealth of inspiration and consolation in carrying out a vocation which the Master did not disdain to entrust to His Apostles.

Gerald de Lacey's Daughter. By Anna T. Sadlier. P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Pp. 472. Price \$1.35.

In this handsome, portly novel, Anna T. Sadlier gives us an historical romance of the American colonies immediately following the succession of William of Orange. Like all her works, the tone is thoroughly Catholic. But more than this, it is a novel of unusual action and intense interest. The historical setting is accurate enough to give a fairly comprehensive idea of life and conditions in those thrilling days of New World history, when our country was not yet "the newest born of nations and the latest hope of mankind." It is really a delightful book and will certainly please Catholic readers.

The Holy Hour in Gethsemane. By Francis P. Donnelly, S. J. P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Pp. 211. Price 65 cents.

This companion volume to "Watching an Hour" consists of Meditations on the *Anima Christi*. A brief and interesting little foreword gives a synopsis of the history of the prayer, *Anima Christi*, and the devotion of the Holy Hour. Any work from Father Donnelly's facile pen commends itself to Catholic readers. Aside from the intrinsic merits of the work, and they are many, the method suggested of spending this holy hour of the week before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament makes a strong appeal to us. The meditations usually have the traditional three points; then, there are ejaculations by the priest, to which the congregation responds; then, a happy little prayer, combining the whole meditation. In form, also, the book is very attractive.

Dark Rosaleen. By M. E. Francis. P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Pp. 372. Price \$1.35; postpaid \$1.45.

A pathetic and tragic tale of Ireland and Irish life today. It portrays in a strong and religious tone the story of Ireland under the type of two characters, that of the North and that of the South. The book is full of pathos and interest—"a tragic tale with action and interest splendidly sustained by characters of strong convictions." The merits of the book may be judged, when it is noted that it is from the second impression, sufficient to characterize any novel as a success and to make it welcome in every home. It might be well if the chapters were named as, v. g.,

Chapter VI. The Escape.

Chapter XVIII. The Departures.